

## PAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### 2008

**Evelyn Bolduc** has dedicated her volunteer service to healthcare, education and human services with an emphasis on fundraising leadership that has benefited Howard County General Hospital, the Howard Community College, the Columbia Foundation, Atholton High School and Meals on Wheels. Wanting to ensure a lasting legacy of giving to the community, Evelyn along with her husband, founded the Bolduc Family Foundation to help support local non-profit organizations.

**Pam Mack** was the first woman elected Chair of the Columbia Council in 1979. Pam has been active in low income housing policy development, the Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia Festival of the Arts, the Family Life Center and the Columbia Foundation. She served as the Executive Director of the Health Alliance and managed the transition of its services to Chase Brexton Health Services.

**Ann Mech, JD, RN**, has enhanced the health, well-being and quality of life for Howard County residents through her volunteer service on boards of directors. Ms. Mech served on the boards of the Howard County Government Board of Health, the Horizon Foundation and numerous other non-profit boards. As the chair of the Professional Committee of Howard County General Hospital's Board of Trustees, she is committed to quality patient care, and full access to that care for all people.

**Jeanne Simons**, recipient of the commission's second Women's Hall of Fame in History Award, developed a ground-breaking methodology for the treatment of autism in children that has been recognized, studied and replicated around the world. Founder of the Linwood Children's Center in Ellicott City in 1955, and its clinical director until her retirement in 1980, she was an international consultant and speaker. Ms. Simons died in 2005.

**Jane Walker** has dedicated her community efforts to improving mental health and educational services for children with intensive mental health needs. She currently serves on the Mental Hygiene Administration Advisory Council, the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center board, and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. From 1986 to 1995 she was the Executive Director of the Family Life Center. She spend a year in Uganda as a voluteer, working with the people to develop the first counseling center for abused children.

### 2007

**Eva Anderson** is the founder and creative director of the regionally and internationally renowned dance company, The Eva Anderson Dance Company. She has strived and successfully utilized and developed local minority talent. For thirty years she has been the driving force behind this dance company and to dance itself and has a great impact on the arts in Howard County.

**Joetta Cramm** is Howard County's historian. She is a published author, lecturer and teacher of this county's rich and colorful history. Ms. Cramm has been a wealth of knowledge to all those

who approach her and has tirelessly imparted countless hours of her time and knowledge to promote and keep alive our past.

**Gertrude Crist** for the past fifty years has promoted educational and civic excellence. At a time when it was not common for women to serve in visible leadership positions, Ms. Crist served as President of the Howard County Board of Education. She also served on The Maryland as well as the National Boards of Education, the Md. Council for Higher Education as well as the Md. State, Board for Higher Education. Ms. Crist has distinguished herself as a community member and leader.

**Mary Ann Scully** is the founder of the Howard Bank, the first locally owned and managed bank to open in Howard County in fifteen years. She is a successful professional who has made her mark in the financial arena and also provided compassionate leadership for civic and charitable Howard County organizations. She is a tireless community advocate who has made a difference.

**Natalie Woodson** is an innovative activist and selfless supporter for many organizations in Howard County that promote and support the youth and their families. Ms. Woodson is a 35 year resident of Howard County and has served as the first Vice President of the Howard County branch for the NAACP, the Council of Elders of the Black Community as well as a avid volunteer for the African Art museum.

## **2006**

**Francis Dawson** is the founder and artistic Director of the Columbia Pro Cantare, a 130 member volunteer chorus in existence since 1977. She mentors and continually seeks out young talent and encourages their development.

**Roberta "Bobbie" Dillow** has worked in almost every aspect of our community: economic, social, educational and political. She has worked tirelessly for countless non-profit organizations to ensure the well-being of Howard County residents.

**Leila Hajek** was the first female police officer in Howard County, having joined the force in 1968. She opened the door for many of the female officers today. She was instrumental in the development of many of the youth programs still being used today.

**Carolyn Kelemen** is noted for her passionate promotion of the arts in Howard County. She has always been on the philanthropic cutting edge. She is also a dancer, teacher, journalist and HIV/AIDS activist.

**Robin Steele** has been active in civic and community affairs since 1986. Her contributions have aided the Howard County NAACP and the Columbia Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. She has mentored and encouraged countless African-American young women. This past year, Robin was listed in the *Washington Post* as one of the faces to watch in 2005.

## 2005

**Virginia Bates**, a 42-year resident of Howard County, has dedicated her life to educating the residents of the community on peace and non-violence. Mrs. Bates is also an accomplished writer who has published several books of poetry. Her sense of justice and social consciousness coupled with her abilities in poetry and painting have left an indelible mark on Howard County.

For over 30 years, **Yolanda Bruno** has been committed to organizations and activities that help advance women's rights and opportunities. She is also the founder and first chair of the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County. Mrs. Bruno has possessed a life-long desire to improve the daily lives of women and has taken action in many ways to implement positive change.

**Phyllis Madachy**, Administrator of the Office on Aging, has worked to improve the quality of life for Howard County senior citizens. Through her innovative leadership in partnering with both public and non-profit sectors for the Aging in Place Initiative, Howard County won a National Civic League All American City Award in 2001. Mrs. Madachy is a true champion of aging issues in Howard County.

**Judith Pittman** has served Howard County in many capacities. As a volunteer in the school system, she organized a successful volunteer and recruitment program. Working in the non-profit sector, Mrs. Pittman initiated the Day of Caring, the Community Resource Bank and the NeighborRide programs. Mrs. Pittman's passion and ingenuity has helped older adults stay connected to the community.

**Sue Song**, an advanced psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner has devoted her professional life to the welfare of children and families. She is currently managing five Maryland community outpatient programs for troubled youth and their families. Dr. Song is a leading figure in articulating the needs of the fast-growing Korean community to Howard County government officials. She has worked with government officials and on her own to create a healthy and hospitable environment for all in Howard County.

## 2004

**Susan R. Buswell** is a long time citizen activist, former elected official of the Maryland General Assembly and the Howard County School Board. She currently sits on the Maryland Higher Education Investment Board, the board that monitors the Maryland Prepaid College Plan and the College Investment Trust.

**Andrea S.Ingram** Director of Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, is an advocate for dignity towards those in need and leader in comprehensive crisis-services. A licensed social worker, she has served on many local boards, received the 2003 Audrey Robbins Humanitarian Award and was named Clemens Crossing School Hero in 2002

**Ellen C. Kennedy** is a poet, translator, founder of HoCoPoLitSo and scholar of international renown. Her work in the public schools has attracted Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners, poet laureates and Nobel Prize winners to Howard County for personal appearances before middle and high school students.

**Mary Snodgrass** was a nurse, mother of five, business partner to her husband and active in the Elkridge community for 49 years. She was the creator of the *Honor Our Veterans* project which remains on display at the Elk Ridge Heritage Society for future generations to experience and enjoy.

## **2003**

**Shirley Collier** is businesswoman and entrepreneur who is committed to the welfare of women and girls and whose leadership has encouraged young women to enter the field of science and technology.

**Donora Dingman** is an advocate for women and minorities, encouraging them to assume positions of greater responsibility in the corporate world. She is a mentor, community volunteer, and leader who has committed herself to community involvement.

**Priscilla Hart** is a leader in the community, having led a diverse number of major volunteer organizations in the county. She is an advocate for civil rights, human rights, justice and peace issues, for the elderly and those living in poverty, and for the disadvantaged.

**Valerie B. Lash** has dedicated her life to promoting the arts in Howard County, and in the process has exposed the broader community to high-quality professional artistic productions through the founding of the HCC professional theatre company, Rep Stage.

**Donna Rice** is a businesswoman extraordinaire who exemplifies the spirit in which Columbia was founded. Her commitment to promoting equal rights for women, educational opportunities for all, leadership development and cultural appreciations of the arts for all spans over 40 years. She is model of excellence as a community activist, public servant, businesswoman, wife and mother.

## **2002**

**Peg Browning** is a community activist, working with the American Cancer Society to spread the word of the affects of smoking to middle and high school students in the County. She volunteers and raises funds for and a variety of County organizations that work to make the County a more healthful place in which to live.

**Wylene Burch** is Founder and Director of the Howard County Center for African American Culture, working to promote awareness of the rich contributions of African Americans locally.

**Barbara Lawson** is a leader in the areas of human services, arts, education and historical groups, working to enhance the ideals and goals of community philanthropy within Howard County.

**Maxine Mullican** was founder of the Maxine Mullican Dialysis Unit in Columbia and creator of the Howard County Kidney Fund, which assists dialysis patients in many different ways.

**Toby Orenstein** is a pioneer in theatre arts within the county, founding numerous organizations to promote creativity and foster talent in Howard County children and to raise money, through the arts, for such important efforts as the Howard County AIDS Alliance.

## **2001**

**Joan Athen**, leader in education and community activist, is a well known advocate for individuals with disabilities, youth and the homeless. She founded the Maryland Therapeutic Horsemanship Association and is currently its President and an instructor.

**Sharon Bedke** is a champion of women's and children's issues and has taken in 178 abused, addicted and abandoned boys and girls as foster children. She advances her work through the Dorsey's Search Women's Foundation.

**Lucille Clifton** is an internationally known writer who won the National Book Award for Poetry in 2000 and is a former poet laureate of Maryland. Ms. Clifton gives to the community through her poetry readings and is particularly known for her compassionate reaching out to those who have cancer.

**Doris Ligon** is the founder of the African Art Museum of Maryland which is based in Howard County. She is noted for her leadership in the arts, civic responsibility and her contributions to the community.

**Patricia Rouse** has contributed tirelessly in services to business and the community and is well known for major achievements in building low income housing through her work with the Enterprise Foundation, providing over 100,000 homes to low income families.

**Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps** was head mistress of the Patapsco Female Institute, an academy established in Ellicott City in the 1830s. She advocated women's education, women's rights and authored textbooks in several scientific disciplines as well as philosophy and education. The Commission for Women selected Ms. Phelps as recipient of the first Women's Hall of Fame History Award in honor of the Howard County Sesquicentennial.

## **2000**

**Pearl Atkinson-Stewart** has contributed to building community in the areas of human rights, health, and women's issues.

**Vivian C. Bailey**, a Trustees of Howard County General Hospital and a Board member of the Maryland Hospital Association, is a leader in health care policy development and a long-time volunteer with the Howard County Police Department.

**Ruth Keeton**, an effective advocate for housing, farmland preservation, and the environment, was one of the first women elected to the Howard County Council.

**Dorothy L. Moore** provides leadership in anti-poverty programs as Executive Director of the Community Action Council and is an activist in church missionary work.

**Jean W. Toomer**, an advocate of human rights and community building, is founder of the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center at Howard Community College.

## **1999**

**Joyce M. Boyd, M.D.**, an advocate for causes that focus on improving the overall health of our community while insuring that everyone had access to medical care regardless of their ability to pay.

**Willa Jean Brooks, Ed.D.**, a community activist, teacher and college professor, working to improve the quality of life through recreation and leisure programs and better access to recreational facilities.

**W. Ruth Conway** a teacher and volunteer in many organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people.

**Helen Buss Mitchell, Ph.D.**, an educator seeking to open students' minds to the richness of the philosophy.

**May Ruth Seidel** a community leader working through organizations and boards to initiate institutional changes that impact positively on the citizens of Howard County.

## **1998**

**Elizabeth Bobo** has worked tirelessly to promote issues that affect the quality of life for Howard Countians; enhance business opportunities; improve educational standards; promote an appreciation of the arts and the environment; and, increase awareness of the needs for better health care for all, particularly senior care.

**Maggie J. Brown** a research chemist, mathematician, community activist and volunteer for numerous organizations believes in Jim Rouse's dream and works diligently to uphold the activist ideals and open-mindedness to make that dream a reality.

**Anita M. Iribe**, a non-partisan community activist, was in the front line of those working with James Rouse when he first brought his vision for Columbia to Howard County; she understood this vision and worked to make it a reality.

**Deborah D. Kendig**, a children's advocate, renown for her vision, her integrity, and her commitment to children's services and education, worked to achieve inclusion of special education students in the the regular classroom and assisted with the development and implementation of the Gifted and Talented program in Howard County Schools.

**Malynda H. Madzel**, a local business owner and community leader, has been at the forefront of promoting women's business issues and mentoring women owned businesses

## **1997**

**Leola May Moore Dorsey**, has been a lifelong member of the Republican Party and a trailblazer in the entry of African-Americans into Howard County politics. She was the first African American to be an election book judge, the first African American to serve as a machine judge at the polls and was the first black women appointed to the Howard County Republican Central Committee. In addition to her interest in politics, Leola has been an advocate on behalf of elderly citizens.

**Dr. Mary Hovet** has devoted her life to educating and helping others and is known nationally for her contributions and achievements in the field of education. A person of vision, energy and ability, she was intensely interested in providing the best education possible for all students and was a central force in the search for educational excellence.

**Jean Moon**, former General Manager of the Patuxent Publishing Company, led the paper to national prominence as award-winning pioneers in the field of community journalism. Mrs. Moon has worked hard to educate the community about the different roles women have played in society. Through her efforts, a Howard Community College launched its first women's studies class in 1972.

**Doris Stromberg Thompson**, a life long resident of Howard County, has been a leader in Howard County, serving as an activist, a volunteer, a professional journalist, a business leader, and an appointed member of numerous county government boards and commissions. Still actively involved in the community, Mrs. Stromberg is involved with the Maryland Historical Trust, the Ellicott City Restoration Foundation and the Historic District Commission.

**Celona Banks Walden**, after retiring from a 24 year career as an elementary school teacher, continued as an active educator filling numerous roles. Taking a leadership role, she founded many organizations in Columbia that have provided outstanding service to the people of the community. Through her forward thinking, assertiveness and leadership, Mrs. Walden has been recognized by four govenors for her dedication and commitment to community service.